

South Dakota

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YIELDS DECREASE FROM LAST MONTH

SIoux FALLS, September 10, 1999 - - The South Dakota September 1 production forecasts declined from the previous month for most crops because of the dry August weather, according to the USDA's South Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service. Corn and soybean production fell 13 and 10 percent, respectively, because of lowered yields.

Soybean production is forecast at 135.10 million bushels, down 10 percent from last month. Yield, at 35.0 bushels per acre, dropped 4 bushels from the previous forecast. Harvested acres, at 3.86 million, are up 13 percent from last year.

Corn production, at 341.25 million bushels, is down 13 percent from last month. Yield is forecast at 105.0 bushels per acre, down 15 bushels from the August forecast. Acres harvested for grain, at 3.25 million, are down 8 percent from last year.

Sorghum production is forecast at 6.38 million bushels, down 3 percent from last month. Yield, at 58.0 bushels, is 2 bushels below last month. Grain sorghum harvested acres, at 110,000, are down 21 percent from last year.

Other spring wheat production is forecast at 56.10 million bushels, down 3 percent from the August forecast. The yield, at 34.0 bushels per acre, declined 1 bushel from last month. Harvested acres, at 1,650,000, are down 11 percent from last year.

Durum wheat production is forecast at 975,000 bushels, down 11 percent from last month. The yield, at 25.0 bushels per acre, declined 3 bushels from last month. Harvested acres, at 39,000, are up 63 percent from last year.

Barley production is forecast at 3.55 million bushels, unchanged from last month. Yield is forecast at 48.0 bushels per acre, the same as the August forecast. Harvested acres, at 74,000, are down 22 percent from 1998.

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